

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to amend the specification on page 35 and Figure 1 of the drawings. Claim 4 incorporates the amendment under Article 34(2)(b). Examination on the merits of the application is requested. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should no remittance be attached, or should any greater or lesser fee be required, please charge or credit our Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is amended by replacing the reference character “8y” with the two reference characters --8--and --y--. A replacement sheet for Figure 1 is attached.

The concurrently filed Submission of Formal Drawings incorporates the amended figure.